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SUBJECT: SWISS AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS BILATERAL CIVIL  
AVIATION SITUATION WITH DEPARTMENT

THE SWISS EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WITH AN  
ADVANCE COPY OF A NOTE ON CIVIL AVIATION WHICH AMBASSADOR  
SCHNYDER IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
ENDERS ON MAY 10. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

THE EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO  
THE CAPACITY AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN SWISSAIR AND  
TWA ON JANUARY 23, 1975, AND APPROVED BY THE CIVIL  
AERONAUTICS BOARD ON MARCH 21 CONCERNING AIR TRANSPORT  
RELATIONS BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED STATES  
DURING THE SUMMER SEASON OF 1975.

THE AFORE-MENTIONED AGREEMENT BEING NOW IN FORCE AND  
SINCE IT APPEARS THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES DO  
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NO LONGER CONSIDER NECESSARY THE CONSULTATIONS THEY HAD

REQUESTED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS MATTER, THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE SWISS AUTHORITIES REMAIN FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE INTEREST OF TRAVELERS WILL BEST BE SERVED BY THE DILIGENT APPLICATION OF THE BERMUDA PRINCIPLES, AS SPELLED OUT IN THE INTERIM AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SWITZERLAND OF AUGUST 3, 1945, AS AMENDED. THE AIRLINES DESIGNATED THEREUNDER SHOULD FUNDAMENTALLY ENJOY A FULL, FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR TRAFFIC.
2. SWISSAIR HAS ALWAYS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE CAPACITY ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTE CONSERVATIVELY CONSISTENT WITH THE TRAFFIC DEMAND. SUCH A POLICY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE FOR ECONOMIC REASONS ALONE TO AN AIRLINE LIKE SWISSAIR OPERATED UNDER THE PRINCIPLES OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WITHOUT GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AID. CONSEQUENTLY SWISSAIR ON ITS OWN, IN 1974, CUT BACK ITS FLIGHTS TO THE UNITED STATES BY 15, THEREBY HELPING TO IMPROVE THE LOAD FACTORS AS COMPARED TO THE YEAR BEFORE.
3. IN THE FIELD OF TOURIST TRADE ESPECIALLY, SWISSAIR HAS MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRAFFIC BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED STATES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. SUCH MERITORIOUS ENDEAVORS SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY RESTRICTIVE GOVERNMENTAL ACTION.

THE SWISS AUTHORITIES WELCOME ALL THE MORE THE RECENT EFFORTS OF TWA TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE THE SERVICE IN THE SWISS-AMERICAN AIR MARKET BY THE RESUMPTION OF DIRECT FLIGHTS TO SWITZERLAND.

4. THE SWISS AUTHORITIES ARE CONVINCED THAT ANY PROBLEM CONNECTED WITH THE APPLICATION OF THE SWISS-UNITED STATES AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SOLVED IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TRADITIONALLY GOOD RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND POLICY OF FAIR COMPETITIVE FREE ENTERPRISE AS LAID DOWN IN THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

THE EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.  
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